

# Agricultural Report

Killam and Bassette Farmstead, South Glastonbury

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## CT GROWN FOR CT KIDS WEEK 2013 A SUCCESS *Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation*

There are myriad programs now in place across the state to promote Connecticut Grown products and agriculture, including those that reach out to younger generations with education about the local agricultural community and the benefits of buying and consuming Connecticut Grown produce. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg), in partnership with the Connecticut State Department of Education (SDE), coordinates CT Grown for CT Kids Week as part of those efforts targeting young people.

The purpose of CT Grown for CT Kids Week is to celebrate the farms that participate in the Farm-to-School program and to give school

systems and farmers a chance to connect. It also provides an opportunity for schools to teach students about the value of having local, fresh produce in their school lunches and snacks. Students can take part in fun school-sponsored activities to learn about the farms that supply their produce and the nutritional benefits of eating local fruits and veggies every day to stay healthy and active.

This year, the cornerstone of CT Grown for CT Kids Week, which ran September 30 to October 4, 2013, was agricultural literacy. Featured was a reading program supplemented with engaging classroom activities based upon the book, *Who Grew My Soup?* written Tom Darbyshire and illustrated by C. F. Payne.

All 16 schools in Connecticut served by Sodexo foodservice providers committed to reading the book during this celebratory week. Any Connecticut school foodservice director can receive a copy of



*A student peruses her Connecticut Grown choices at Pleasant Valley Elementary School in South Windsor during CT Grown for CT Kids Week*

the book, donated by the Connecticut Agricultural Education Foundation's [Ag in the Classroom](#) program and funded by the Connecticut Grange.

Schools are encouraged during CT Grown for CT Kids Week to develop fun, agricultural educational opportunities that build upon the program, such as using Connecticut Grown produce in a USDA approved recipe for the school lunch program. School foodservice directors also create their own agricultural education events and activities during this special week.

School systems have created entire weeklong menus that include Connecticut Grown (and Connecticut manufactured) foods, invited

local farmers to visit, planned field trips to local farms, held assemblies about healthy eating, borrowed DoAg's colorful Connecticut Grown Mascots for an assemblies and lunchtime walk-throughs, held Connecticut Grown tasting events, emphasized Future Farmers of America organizations and events, and sent the students home with recipes to make with Connecticut Grown ingredients for themselves and their families.

The Connecticut Farm-to-School Program encourages the use of Connecticut Grown produce in school meals and snacks across the state. It uses a database to guide Connecticut farmers to local school systems seeking Connecticut Grown produce, helping to create a sustainable local economy and improving connectivity between Connecticut farms and school systems.

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**WHOLESALE PEPPERS  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
BELL,grn,1-1/9,md	8.00	9.00
BELL,grn,1-1/9,lg	14.00	14.00
BELL,suntn,1-1/9,lg	8.00	10.00
CHRRY,ht,1/2bu	14.00	14.00
CUBNELL,1-1/9,xl	14.00	15.00
CUBNELL,rd,1-1/9bu,lg	20.00	20.00
JALPNO,1/2bu	14.00	14.00
PBLANO,1 1/9 bu,lg	14.00	16.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220-300 lbs	69.00-74.00
	300-400 lbs	75.00-79.50
45-49	220-300 lbs	68.50-71.00
	300-400 lbs	68.50-71.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	76.00-79.00
	500-700 lbs	82.50-85.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	n/a

**PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS**

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.  
September 4, 2013

Gr US 1-	wt20-40	100.00	130.00
Gr US 2	wt15-20	140.00	140.00
	wt20-30	70.00	95.00
	wt30-40	60.00	90.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, September 30, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	22.00	28.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	38.00
76-90 lbs.	40.00	42.00
91-105 lbs.	45.00	48.00
106 lbs. & up	50.00	55.00
Farm Calves	57.50	60.00
Starter Calves	20.00	25.00
Veal Calves	105.00	130.00
Open Heifers	120.00	130.00
Beef Steers	107.50	125.00
Beef Heifers	86.00	99.00
Feeder Steers	120.00	122.50
Stock Bulls	100.00	135.00
Beef Bulls	100.00	107.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	20.00	24.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	45.00	240.00
Kid Goats	75.00	180.00
Canners	up to	82.75
Cutters	83.00	87.00
Utility Grade Cows	88.00	92.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	25.00
Chickens each	4.00	16.00
Ducks each	4.00	21.00
Feeder Pigs	20.00	150.00
Lambs	60.00	220.00
Sheep	50.00	170.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
APPLE,crtnd,12/3lb,fcy	22.00	24.00
APPLE,gala,8/5-lb,tote,	25.00	25.00
APPLE,gala,bu	24.00	25.00
APPLE,hnycrsp,bu	45.00	55.00
APPLE,mcn,96ct,xfcy	34.00	38.00
APPLE,mcntsh,xfcy,96ct	26.00	28.00
BEAN,grn,bu	18.00	25.00
BEAN,pole,bu	20.00	24.00
BEAN,wx,bu	24.00	30.00
BEETS,12s	18.00	18.00
BEETS,gldn,12s	24.00	24.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	20.00	20.00
CABBAGE,grn,12ct	12.00	12.00
CAULIFLOWER,12ct	16.00	16.00
CIDER,4/1gal	16.00	16.00
COLLARD,12s	12.00	14.00
CORN,5dz	12.00	16.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu,md	8.00	10.00
GRAPE,cncrd,8/1qt	22.00	24.00
KALE,12s	12.00	13.00
PARSNIP,25lb	24.00	24.00
PEAR,bsc,3/5bu	26.00	30.00
PEAR,rdd'anj	26.00	32.00
SQUASH,dicata,1/2bu	18.00	18.00
SQUASH,grn,fcy,1/2bu	8.00	12.00
SQUASH,grn,md,1/2bu	6.00	8.00
SQUASH,ylw,fcy,1/2bu	8.00	10.00
SWISS CHARD,12s	14.00	16.00
TOMATO,chrry,12/1pt	14.00	14.00
TOMATO,fld grwn,20lb	16.00	20.00
TOMATO,grp,12/1pt	10.00	16.00
TOMATO,hrlm,gnhs,10lb	28.00	32.00
TOMATO,plm,25lb	14.00	16.00
TOMATO,plm,cn25lb	10.00	10.00



**WHOLESALE SEASONAL ITEMS  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
CORN,ornmntl,20/3s	35.00	35.00
CORN,stalks	5.00	5.00
PUMPKIN,cndrll,xl,36"bin	285.00	285.00
PUMPKIN,jbo,hwdn,36"bin	180.00	200.00
PUMPKIN,lg,pie,36"bin	240.00	260.00
PUMPKIN,mini,24"bin	500.00	500.00
PUMPKIN,pie,24"bin	175.00	200.00
PUMPKIN,pie,1-1/9bu	18.00	18.00
SQUASH,acrn,1-1/9bu,md	15.00	18.00
SQUASH,bttrnt,1-1/9 bu,lg	16.00	20.00
SQUASH,kbch,1-1/9,bu,md	18.00	20.00
SQUASH,kbch,1-1/9,bu,md	18.00	20.00

**PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

September 27, 2013

Average Dressing

<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>		
breakers 75-80% lean	74.50	78.00
boners 80-85% lean	71.50	75.00
lean 88-90% lean	66.50	71.00
<b>CALVES graded bull</b>		
No.1 95-120lbs	123.75	144.00
No 2 95-120lbs	110.25	127.25
No 3 80-120lbs	66.25	88.50
<b>SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr</b>		
High dressing	100.50	105.25
Avg. dressing	88.75	94.75
Low dressing	77.75	88.75
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>		
HiCh/Prm3-4	117.75	120.75
Ch2-3	113.00	115.25
Sel2-3	102.00	103.00
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
HiCh/prm3-4	124.00	127.00
Ch2-3	121.00	124.75
Sel2-3	114.00	117.50
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>		
HiCh/prm3-4	106.00	109.75
Ch 2-3	99.75	103.75
Sel1-3	93.00	97.00
VEALER 60 120lbs	20.00	47.50
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3</b>		
40-60lbs		n/a
70-80lbs	155.00	162.00
80-90lbs	152.00	156.00
90-110lb	144.00	155.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3: md flesh</b>		
100-120lbs	54.00	60.00
120-160lbs	54.00	70.00
Bucks	140-150lbs	n/a
	160-200lbs	n/a
	200-250lbs	n/a
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est. wt.</b>		
40-60lbs	105.00	130.00
60-80lbs	120.00	148.00
80-100lbs	142.00	162.00
100-120lbs	160.00	170.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130lbs	130.00	142.00
	130-150lbs	155.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	158.00	187.00

**EASTERN PA GRAIN**

September 30, 2013

Average price per bushel

BARLEY	3.00
CORN	4.53
OATS	3.22
SOYBEANS	12.70
WHEAT	6.87

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

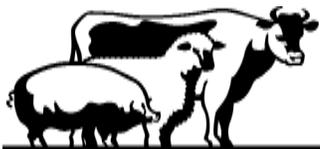
Per doz., USDA Grade A/Grade A white in cartons  
(volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.22	1.26
LARGE	1.20	1.24
MEDIUM	1.02	1.06

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons  
(delivered)

XTRA LARGE	1.71	1.81
LARGE	1.63	1.74
MEDIUM	1.23	1.32



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### NORTHEAST SARE FARMER GRANTS AVAILABLE

SARE's Farmer Grants are for commercial producers who have an innovative idea they want to test using a field trial, on-farm demonstration, marketing initiative, or other technique. A technical advisor-- often an extension agent, crop consultant, or other service professional--must also be involved.

Projects should seek results other farmers can use, and all projects must have the potential to add to our knowledge about effective sustainable practices.

Proposal deadlines must be submitted online and are due December 2, 2013, for 2014 funding.

Additional information and application materials are available at <http://www.nesare.org/Grants/Get-a-Grant/Farmer-Grant>.

### TRI-STATE FAIR CONVENTION NOV 1-2

The Connecticut Association of Fairs recently announced that registration is open through October 25 for the 2013 Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island Joint Tri-State Convention and Trade Show, to be held November 1-2, 2013, at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center in Sturbridge, Mass.

More information and registration materials are available at [www.CTAgFairs.org](http://www.CTAgFairs.org)

### FREE QUICKBOOKS WORKSHOP OCT 15

Southeastern CT SCORE, a division of the U.S. Small Business Administration, will host a free workshop, Managing Your Business Finances 2 (Quickbooks), from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at the Russell Library (Hubbard Room), 123 Broad Street, Middletown.

This is a free workshop but seating is limited and pre-registration is required. Register online at <https://events.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e86vtvqm4a524dba&oseq=&c=&ch> or contact SCORE at 860-388-9508 or [sectworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:sectworkshops@gmail.com) for more information.

### FARMING PROTECTED LAND WORKSHOPS

Farming Protected Land workshops are being presented this fall with funding from a Connecticut Department of Agriculture Farm Viability Grant.

A project of American Farmland Trust, in partnership with the Connecticut Land Conservation Council and Connecticut Farmland Trust, the sessions will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on October 17, 2013, at Sunny Valley Preserve in New Milford, and November 2, 2013, at Rosedale Farms and Vineyards, in Simsbury.

For more information, contact Kip Kolesinskas at 860-878-0393 or [kkolesinskas@farmland.org](mailto:kkolesinskas@farmland.org).

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CT Grown for CT Kids Week benefits not only students but also farmers. Some have indicated that selling their produce to local schools has become a vital part of their business. Farm families across the state are encouraged to celebrate their collaboration with local schools by creating educational activities such as farm visits and other events that teach students about the importance of local agriculture and the fresh produce that makes up a healthy diet and supports the local economy. Interacting with local schools helps farms connect to the next generation of consumers, the students.

More information about the Farm-to-School Program can be found on DoAg's website at [www.ctgown.gov/farmtoschool](http://www.ctgown.gov/farmtoschool). DoAg materials such as the [Connecticut Grown Price Card](#), [Farm To School logo](#), and [CT Crop Calendar](#) can be found the [Farm to School Promotional Materials and Programs page](#).

Farms and schools can borrow DoAg's [Connecticut Grown mascots](#) for events. Available April through November, free of charge, the 11 adult-sized costumes (human operators not provided) include cows, pigs, chickens, and various fruits and vegetables. Mascots must be reserved in advance and picked up and dropped off at DoAg in Hartford. Connecticut Farm Maps and brochures are also available in quantity for events.

For more information, contact Jane Slupecki at 860- 713-2588 or [jane.slupecki@ct.gov](mailto:jane.slupecki@ct.gov).



Below (L-R): Chapman School Food Service Manager Eileen Mankus, Commissioner Reviczky, and Cheshire Food Service Director Madeline Diker during CT Grown for CT Kids Week in 2012



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